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ISOLATOR, FLOOR VIBRATION DAMPING APPARATUS, TIRES, STEEL CORD
AND RUBBER SESMIC ISOLATOR USING THE SAME

STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.704(d)

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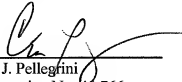
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UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98**

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One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith, except for the following: U.S. patents and/or U.S. patent publications; and co-pending non-provisional U.S. applications filed after June 30, 2003.

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed: (1) No later than three months from the application's filing date; (2) Before the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits (whichever is later); or (3) Before the mailing date of the first Office Action after filing a request for continued examination (RCE) under §1.114, and therefore, no Statement

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under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) or fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) is required. Nevertheless, since a Statement can be made, one is submitted herewith.

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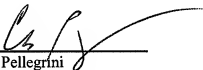
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